

# Osage County Ag Wire



Newsletter of the USDA Service Center in Lyndon Kansas:  
Farm Service Agency - Natural Resources Conservation Service - Osage Conservation District

**Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday**

**January 2006**

## Quick Reference Guide

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## Mark Your Calendar

**January 16** – Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day

**January 20** – EQIP application deadline

**January 31** – Wool and Mohair LDP deadline

**February 13** – Conservation District Annual Meeting

**February 20** – Office closed in observance of President's Day

## Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)

The Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Lyndon, Kansas is taking applications from landowners and operators that need cost-share and incentive funds for applying conservation practices to improve grazing lands, cropland, stream banks, forestland, and water quality.

The following incentive payments are available to producers that qualify:

<b>Conservation Tillage, (No-till)</b>	<b>\$10.00/ac.</b>
<b>Prescribed Grazing</b>	<b>\$6.00 - \$10.00/ac.</b>
<b>Nutrient Management</b>	<b>\$8.00/ac.</b>
<b>Use Exclusion</b>	<b>\$10.00/ac.</b>
<b>Pest Management</b>	<b>\$8.00/ac.</b>
<b>Waste Utilization</b>	<b>\$8.00/ac.</b>
<b>Prescribed Burning</b>	<b>\$3.00/ac.</b>
<b>Wetland Habitat Mgmt</b>	<b>\$6.00/ac.</b>

Practices such as terraces, waterways, diversions, brush management, grass seedings, ponds, fencing, tree plantings, forest stand improvements, tree/shrub pruning, livestock watering troughs or tanks, pipelines, well pluggings, and others are available at 50-70% cost-sharing. Applications are ranked according to certain environmental priorities and approved based on the funding amount available. Applications approved for funding are developed into a 2 to 10 year contract.

Applications will be ranked according to priority by close of business on Friday, January 20, 2006. (A second ranking period will close on April 21, 2006.)

## Farm Program Sign Up Underway

Sign up for the 2006 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program (DCP) began October 1, 2005 and will run through June 1, 2006. Producers wanting to enroll in the program should call the FSA office to schedule an appointment soon. Advance direct payments can be made at any time. Producers are reminded that any ownership or operator changes that affect 2006 DCP contracts should be reported to our office as soon as possible.



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**Wool and Mohair Deadline**

January 31, 2006 is the deadline for Wool and Mohair producers to apply for loans and LDP payments on their 2005 wool crop. Current national per pound loan rates are set at \$1.00 for graded wool, \$0.40 for un-graded wool and \$4.20 for mohair. These rates are subject to change. Also for the 2006 Wool and Mohair Program, producers must have a 633EZ Page1 on file before they lose beneficial interest in their wool, mohair or unshorn lambs. Producers will need to fill out a 633EZ Page2 when they actually make the LDP request.

**Joyce B. Lacey Elected To the Osage County Committee**

Joyce B. Lacey was elected to the Osage County Committee during the December County Committee Election. Joyce was elected by agricultural producers in Local Administrative Area #3, which is in the southern part of Osage County. Joyce has served 6 years (two terms). County Committee members are only allowed to serve 3 terms. Other County Committee members are Garold Markley of Burlingame and Keith Badger of Carbondale.

**Annual Meeting**

The Osage County Conservation District Annual Meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2006 at the Osage City Grade School lunchroom at 6:00pm. There will be a brief business meeting and presentation of conservation and school awards. Please call the District Office at 785-828-3458 to make your reservation.

**Wheat and Oats Acreage Reports Needed**

Producers are reminded that they are required by provisions of the Farm Program to timely report crop and CRP acres. Acreage planted to wheat and oats must be reported to our office by May 31, 2006. CRP acreage reports are accepted at any time.



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The Osage County Committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m.